1	2	3	4
10.	Madhya Pradesh	144	..
11.	Maharashtra	29	1
12.	North Eastern	43	..
13.	Orissa	14	1
14.	Punjab	3	..
15.	Rajasthan	31	..
16.	Tamil Nadu	30	..
17.	Uttar Pradesh	379	2
18.	West Bengal	110	..
		980	8

NOTE: Some of the post offices referred to above have already been opened. Others are expected to be opened before 31-3-1988.

Payment of D.A. to Public Sector Employees

543. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the dearness allowance and its slabs as admissible to various categories of officers in the more important Public undertakings including ONGC, Indian Oil, SAIL, NTPC, BHEL, STC, etc.; and

(b) the reasons for not giving equal D.A. to employees of all profit making Pubic Undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Dearness Allowance in these major enterprises is not paid on slab basis but is determined on quarterly basis with reference to the quarterly average of AICPI. The Quantum of the D.A. admissible to officers is uniform to all officers irrespective of their ranks within the same enterprise. It is also not dependent upon profitability or otherwise of the concerned enterprise.

Reopening of ACC Babcock Limited

544. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to reopen the ACC Babcock Limited which has two units at Shahbad in Karnataka and Durgapur in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) ACC Babcock Ltd., a company in the private sector engaged in the manufacture of boilers for the power sector, filed a petition before the Bombay High Court in October, 1986 for winding up of the affairs of the company. The two units of the company in West Bengal and Karnataka are lying closed since then. IDBI had prepared a package for the rehabilitation of the company. On examination, this was found to be non-bankable. IDBI has submitted